

# CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER-2023

## ENGLISH

(Solved)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 73

### General Instructions :

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them :

- i. This question paper contains **24 questions**. All questions are **compulsory**.
- ii. This question paper is divided into **8 sections**.
- iii. **Section A** – questions number **1 to 4** are case based questions
- iv. **Section B** – questions number **5 to 13** are short answer
- v. **Section C** – questions number **14 to 14** are article
- vi. **Section D** – questions number **15 to 18** are long answer
- vii. **Section E** – questions number **19 to 19** are job application
- viii. **Section F** – questions number **20 to 21** are letter
- ix. **Section G** – questions number **22 to 22** are formal invitation
- x. **Section H** – questions number **23 to 24** are notice
- xi. There is no overall choice given in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions.
- xii. Use of calculator is NOT allowed.

## Section A

**Question 1.** The clerk figured the fare – he glanced at my fancy hat band, but he figured the fare – and I had enough for two coach tickets, one way. But when I counted out the money and looked up, the clerk was staring at me. He nodded at the bills. “That ain’t money, mister,” he said, “and if you’re trying to skin me, you won’t get very far,” and he

glanced at the cash drawer, beside him. Of course the money was old-style bills half again as big as the money we use nowadays and different looking.

(1) Why did Charley ask for two tickets?

[1 Marks]

(2)

Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option:

When Charley offered money to the booking clerk, the latter stared at Charley because the booking clerk

- (a) thought it wasn't money.
- (b) did not trust Charley.
- (c) thought Charley was trying to tease him.
- (d) thought that Charley had given him less money.

[1 Marks]

(3)

Select the option that best describes Charley in this extract. He is

- (a) a cheat (b) gullible (c) an opportunist (d) an escapist

[1 Marks]

(4) 'If you're trying to skin me' suggests \_\_\_\_\_.

[1 Marks]

## Question 2.

Mr. Lamb: Well that needn't stop you, you needn't mind.

Derry: It'd stop them. They'd mind me. When they saw me here. They look at my face and run.

Mr. Lamb: They might. They might not. You'd have to take the risk. So would they.

Derry: No, you would, you might have me and lose all your other friends, because nobody wants to stay near me if they can help it.

Mr. Lamb: I've not moved.

Derry: No .....

Mr. Lamb: When I go down the street, the kids shout 'Lamey-Lamb'. But they still come into the Garden, into my house; it's a game. They're not afraid of me. Why should they be? Because I'm not afraid of them, that's why not.

(1) The kids tease Mr. Lamb but still come into his garden. Why?

[1 Marks]

(2)

Choose the correct option with reference to the extract:

What makes Derry tell Mr. Lamb that if he comes, others would stop coming?

- (a) Mr. Lamb would not let others come.
- (b) They would be repulsed by Derry.
- (c) Mr. Lamb will have to choose between him and others.
- (d) Derry would flare up.

[1 Marks]

(3) What does Mr. Lamb mean by 'They might, they might not'?

[1 Marks]

(4)

Choose the best option that describes Mr. Lamb.

- (a) headstrong (b) pessimist (c) negligent (d) positive

**Question 3.** And in dark hutments, next to lines of flames of flickering oil lamps, sit boys and girls with their fathers and mothers, welding pieces of coloured glass into circles of bangles. Their eyes are more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside. That is why they often end up losing their eyesight before they become adults.

(1)

Complete the sentence with reference to the extract:

Their eyes are more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside because \_\_\_\_\_.

[1 Marks]

(2)

Which of the following would NOT be true?

- (a) The hutments were shining and inviting.
- (b) The children's lives were as bleak as their surrounding.
- (c) There were no electricity connections.
- (d) The boys and girls had got used to the dark.

[1 Marks]

(3)

The bangle workers lose their eyesight before they became adults because

- (a) they already have poor eyesight.
- (b) they work in dim light.
- (c) they are married in childhood.
- (d) they are malnourished.

[1 Marks]

(4) 'Flickering oil lamps' suggests \_\_\_\_\_.

[1 Marks]

(5)

Which of the following most nearly means 'adjusted' in the context of the extract?

(a) conditioned (b) favoured (c) accepted (d) reconciled

[1 Marks]

(6) What is the antonym from the extract of the word 'rarely'?

[1 Marks]

**Question 4.** "I am thinking of this stranger here," said Edla "He walks and walks the whole year long, and there is probably not a single place in the whole country where he is welcome and can feel at home. Wherever he turns he is chased away. Always he is afraid of being arrested and cross-examined. I should like to have him enjoy a day of peace with us here-just one in the whole year."

(1) In the context of the given extract, which day is referred to in the expression 'just one in the whole year'?

[1 Marks]

(2) What does the expression 'he is cross examined' suggest?

[1 Marks]

(3) Based on the above extract, choose the statement which is true: (a) relationships are rat-traps. (b) money is important in the world. (c) criminal is not born but made. (d) Christmas is a time of charity

[1 Marks]

(4) In the above extract, Edla comes across as (a) conscientious (b) pretentious (c) compassionate (d) selfless

[1 Marks]

(5) Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate option: Edla wished the Pedlar to have a peaceful day because \_\_\_\_\_ (a) the Pedlar had worked for Edla. (b) the Pedlar had not been released from jail. (c) the Pedlar had been staying at the forge. (d) the Pedlar had always been looked with suspicion.

[1 Marks]

(6) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete analogy: single : multiple :: abroad : \_\_\_\_\_

[1 Marks]

## Section B

**Question 5.** When do the residents of Alsace realise how precious their language is to them?

[2 Marks]

**Question 6.** What are the feelings of the poet about her aged mother with reference to the poem 'My Mother at Sixty Six'?

[2 Marks]

**Question 7.** Describe the role of Raj Kumar Shukla in Indigo.

[2 Marks]

**Question 8.** 'There can be life under apparent stillness'. Explain. (Keeping Quiet)

[2 Marks]

**Question 9.** Explain the metaphor of the rattrap.

[2 Marks]

**Question 10.** Do we experience things of beauty only for short moments or do they make a lasting impression? Explain. (A Thing of Beauty)

[2 Marks]

**Question 11.** Describe Gondwana.

[2 Marks]

**Question 12.** Do you agree with the Tiger King's statement? You may kill even a cow in self defence.

[2 Marks]

**Question 13.** What extraordinary experience did Charley have when he went to the Grand station?

[2 Marks]

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## Section C

**Question 14.** Draft an article in 120-150 words to be published in a prominent journal on the problem of stray dogs in your colony. Give suggestions to overcome this menace. You are Purna/Prashant. Use the given cues along with your ideas to compose the article.

[5 Marks]

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## Section D

**Question 15.** 'Last Spring' and 'Indigo' bring out how the common man is a victim of exploitation. Explain.

[5 Marks]

**Question 16.**

After seeing off the enemy soldier, Dr. Sadao must have felt relieved.

He was able to uphold the oath that he had taken as a doctor. Dr. Sadao made an entry into his daily diary explaining the dilemma faced by him and how he resolved it.

Imagine yourself to be Dr. Sadao and express his thoughts.

(You may begin like this :

I was able to uphold the oath that I had taken as a doctor....)

[5 Marks]

**Question 17.**

'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' and 'A Thing of Beauty', can be read together to show the permanence and everlasting impact of art and of things of beauty. Comment.

[5 Marks]

**Question 18.**

Both Bama and Zitkala-Sa were from marginalised communities. They challenged the system to bring dignity into their lives. Justify.

[5 Marks]

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## Section E

**Question 19.**

You are Anil/Anita of Vasant Road, Lucknow. You saw the given advertisement in the newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised. Write a letter of application in 120-150 words along with a detailed biodata.

[5 Marks]

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## Section F

**Question 20.** Draft a letter to the editor of a renowned daily in 120-150 words on the need to keep our surroundings clean to avoid outbreak of common diseases like malaria and dengue. You are Bharat/Bharati. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this letter.

[5 Marks]

**Question 21.**

You are Dr. Mehra, an eminent educationist who has been invited to address the students of Sunshine Public School on 'The Benefits of Reading' and release a book written by one of the students. Draft a formal letter in 50 words expressing your inability to attend the function. Mention day, date, time and venue.

[5 Marks]

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## Section G

### Question 22.

Your school has invited a group of foreign students to attend your Annual Day function. Draft an invitation in 50 words to the guests and parents of the students. Also state the day, date and time of the function. You are Dr. Ahluwalia, Principal, Rohtak Public School.

[5 Marks]

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## Section H

### Question 23.

In collaboration with the Municipal Health Department your school is organizing a Health Camp with an emphasis on fit living and healthy eating for the benefit of students between the ages of 12 years to 17 years. Draft a notice in 50 words informing students of the event. Also state the day, date, time and venue. You are Amit/Amita – Secretary, Student council.

[5 Marks]

### Question 24.

Members of the Resident Welfare Association have decided to visit the senior residents of the society as a gesture of affection and sensitivity. Draft a notice in 50 words inviting residents to volunteer for these visits. Mention relevant details. You are Ritika/Rahul, Secretary, R.W.A.

[5 Marks]

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